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PLENTY OF CASH YET.

The Bank Deposits of Holt County Still Beyond The Million Line.

A conference between bankers and farmers, including a large number of representatives of each class, for discussion of mutual interest and profit, shows the growth of the co-operative spirit in the industries of this country. Such a conference was in session at Chicago, recently, and it was not the first, but the fourth of its kind. David B. Forgan, president of the Chicago Clearing House, made an address which even the brief press reports show to have been replete with the pith of sense. He declared co-operation to be indispensable to success in all business, and contrasted co-operation and its results with destructive competition and its results.

Co-operation between the banking interest and the farming interest is vitally necessary to that solution of our national problems which B. F. Harris president of the First National Bank of Champaign, Ill., said depends upon "building up our agricultural and rural life." It needs to be said that the necessity of such co-operation has hitherto been as much overlooked by the banking as by the agricultural interest. It is not too much to say in fact, that in some parts of the country the moneyed interest has been far less mindful of the reciprocal obligations which should exist between it and land holders than the land holders themselves. Conflict as to interest laws, mortgage laws, redemption laws and laws governing equities of redemption, have led to clashes in the work of legislation which have promoted the evil spirit of class hostility which has done much to create and prolong hard times.

It is our conviction that the farming classes are willing to co-operate with all friendly interests seeking a mutual advancement through mutual co-operation. The banker is as necessary to the farmer as to every other business man with credit and enterprise, and the farmer is as necessary to the banker as any other investor. If recognition of this fact has been too long delayed, it is high time to recognize it now.

The condition of the banks of Holt county at this time—November 10, at which time they published their financial condition, is certainly most satisfactory. When one looks back over the condition of much of the farming section of our county, which by reason of the flood last summer, producing little or nothing from which the farmer could get any returns, it would be but natural to expect a most pronounced reduction of the bank deposits, by reason of these conditions compelling the farmer to reduce his reserve, but this does not seem to be the case at present, as the statements show as recently published as but an insignificant reduction as compared with the June statement. From every view point it may be said that the banks of Holt county are in a most healthy condition.

The statements published last week in the various papers of our county show the amount of deposits on November 10th to have been:

Zook & Roecker, Oregon.....	175,183
Citizens, Oregon.....	89,609
Bank of Forest City.....	130,651
Home Bank, Forest City.....	47,280
Exchange Bank, Mound City.....	77,078
Bank of Mound City.....	108,412
Holt County Bank.....	103,362
Farmers, Maitland.....	208,110
Peoples, Maitland.....	165,782
Heaton, Craig.....	254,199
Farmers & Merchants, Craig.....	77,180
Peoples, Corning.....	37,308
Bank of Corning.....	67,347
Bank of Bigelow.....	51,378
Bank of Forbes.....	27,216
Bank of Fortescue.....	36,900

Total.....	\$1,646,935
June, 1915.....	1,654,562
March, 1915.....	1,765,289
October, 1914.....	1,708,192
July, 1914.....	1,645,370
March, 1914.....	2,081,188

The relative positions of the banks in towns, where there are two or more banks, are as follows:

Maitland.....	\$373,892
Craig.....	331,379
Mound City.....	288,792
Oregon.....	264,792
Forest City.....	167,931
Corning.....	104,655

—The fire bell at 9:15, Friday morning, November 26, soon filled the streets, and the hose cart was on its way to the residence of Mrs. Lucy Noland, but it was a false alarm. However, about 200 of our citizens, had some exercise, that did them good.

A Stalwart Citizen.

One of the best natured and big hearted citizens of our county is Levi Oren, of Maitland. After years of roaming he finally concluded to return to old Holt, after an absence of many years. During the years of his residence here prior to his going West, he was one of those men whom it was a pleasure to know, and one that any man could feel proud of as having for a friend, and when he did have him as such, he stayed as close as a fly blister—and he is just the same today as he has ever been, and when the bugle call is sounded for Levi to be mustered into the ranks of his greatest of captains, he will go out with that smile that he never permits to leave him, and with the love and esteem of every one who ever knew him, because he has ever lived to the very line of the Golden Rule.

Levi Oren was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 22, 1842, and is therefore in the 73th year of his age, and barring a little trouble with his "rheumatics," he is in fairly good physical condition, and when he laughs you are convinced of his wonderful



LEVI OREN.

lung power. When a babe of 18 months, his parents, Ephram and Elizabeth Oren, took him with them to Richmond county, Indiana, where that baby boy grew up to a splendid manhood, taking the common school course of that time, and where he farmed up to 1903, when he enlisted in the 9th Indiana Cavalry, and was in the Army of the Cumberland, Wilson's cavalry division, participating in the battles of Franklin, Nashville and other engagements. During Hood's retreat from Nashville, Mr. Oren was taken prisoner, and was headed for Andersonville, but he succeeded in making his escape and reached the Union lines at Memphis, Tennessee, having tramped 250 miles from Okla. Mississipp, in 14 days.

On entering the service he left his wife, to whom he had been married three years before, and he says he was a liberal patron of the sutler's tent to keep him supplied with writing material, with which to write love letters to the "girl he left behind."

His parents came to Holt county in 1865, and located in Nickell's Grove, on what was then known as the Calhoun farm, which had been purchased from John Pollock, where they farmed. The father died on his farm April 19, 1872, and the mother died at the home of her son, Jacob Oren, in New Point, November 3, 1906. His only brother, Jacob Oren, died at New Point, November 23, 1908, thus leaving the subject of this sketch as the sole survivor of the family.

With his father and mother, the wife of their soldier boy came, she being an orphan. She remained with them while Levi was soldiering, but she did not have to wait long, for in August, 1865, he was mustered out of the service "way down south in Dixie" at Vicksburg, and he hurried home as fast as steam boat and steam cars could bring him, and joined his happy wife under the roof of their new made Missouri home in Nickell's Grove, Holt county.

On his coming to the county he returned to farm life, beginning anew, in the Nickell's Grove district. This he followed until 1870, when he was elected treasurer of Holt county, and served for eight years.

In 1874, and while serving as county treasurer, Mr. Oren bought the D. P. Kyle interest in the King & Kyle drug store, which was located where the E. O. Phillips drug store is now located, and the firm was known as King & Oren, the former being the late Dr. Reuben King, a then practicing physician. In 1877 Mr. Oren sold his interest to Clark O. Proud.

He returned to the farm on retiring from office, until 1882, and then purchased the Clark Barnes stock of goods at New Point, where he sold goods for three years, and then sold his stock to his brother, Jacob A. Oren, and J. W. Saeger, in 1885.

Mr. Oren then with the late Stephen

WHY consider going out of town to do your Christmas shopping when there is nothing in the line of Christmas novelties that you cannot buy from the local merchant?

It is inexplicable why some people think they must go out of town to shop during the holiday season. There are myriads of reasons why you should do your Christmas shopping in your home town. Here are some powerful ones:

In town you know with whom you are dealing.

If you are not suited you can make a ready exchange.

You will save time, car fare and shoe leather.

And you can buy just as cheaply, if not cheaper.

If you did your Christmas shopping out of town in former years don't make another mistake this year.

T. Lucas took over the Forest City Mill, in 1885, and greatly improved it, and they conducted the mill until the fall of 1887, when Mr. Lucas retired and his interest was taken over by Albert and August Roecker. On the offer of a bonus of \$2,500 the machinery of the mill was removed to Mound City, and the firm at Mound City was known as the Oren & Roecker Milling company, which built the present large building, near the depot.

In the fall of 1890, Mr. Oren disposed of his stock in the milling company and went west to Sheridan, Oregon, and again engaged in the milling business, until the fall of 1891. He then sold out and went to Corvallis, Oregon, where he ran a saw mill and farmed until the fall of 1907.

Still inclined to go some, he and family went to Otero county, New Mexico, where he owns a half section of land. Their next move was to Iron county, Missouri, in 1909, where he conducted a small fruit farm for a few years. Their next move was back to old Holt, coming back in October, 1914, and Levi says it's the best county on earth, peopled by the best people under the sun, and "darned if I don't stay here now the rest of my days," and there in Maitland Mr. and Mrs. Oren are living a quiet, sweet life, at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, waiting, only waiting—with all that love and devotion which began in Indiana 55 years ago.

On September 6, 1860, in the town of Winchester, Indiana, Levi Oren and Miss Fannie Moore were united in marriage, the bride being 22 years of age and the groom 18, and in these years that they have traveled together they have battled bravely and well. They have four children. These are: Mrs. Joseph Collier, of Maitland; Mrs. Henry Dunham, of Blanchard, Iowa; Lewis, of Portland, Oregon; and Albert, of Farmington, Missouri. These have brought Father and Mother Oren six grandchildren.

May your days yet be many is the wish of the old SENTINEL, which you both have read for all these many years.

MEYER POST ENTERTAINED.

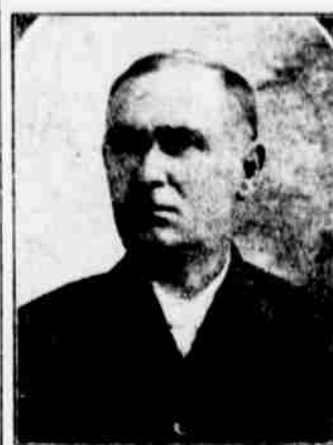
William Morris Entertains His Comrades in a Royal Manner Last Saturday.

By invitation of Comrade William M. Morris, Meyer Post met at his home in regular session, Saturday, Nov. 27, 1915.

The Post was called to order by Senior Vice-Commander, Daniel Zachman. Devotional exercises by Chaplain Hardman. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Quartermaster Montgomery reports the financial condition of the Post in good shape—dues paid up and all bills cancelled.

On inquiry as to condition of sick comrades, we were pleased to note that Comrade Fred Markt was so far recovered as to be with us on this date. Comrade Gus Weigel reported that Comrade Fryman was very sick, and that the condition of Comrade Judge Hibbard was very little if any improved.

On application for membership, we understand that Comrade J. B. Foster, who was a member of the south



WILLIAM M. MORRIS.

Indiana Infantry, and now residing in the state of Kansas, has paid his dues and is now a member in good standing. We are told that Comrade Foster was formerly a citizen of Oregon, and was one of the charter members of the first organization of Meyer Post.

On the good of the order, Comrade Montgomery spoke of the need of members of the G. A. R. lending sympathy, help and encouragement in every way possible to the Sons of Veterans. On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Comrades Hardman, Montgomery and D. Byms, were elected to meet and confer with the Sons of Veterans, concerning the work, and report at next meeting of the Post.

Talks were made by Comrades VanCamp, Hughes, Rev. Robert's and others.

Comrade Montgomery suggested the propriety of the members of the Post entertaining their wives at a banquet; tells how our good wives have so graciously put forth every effort to make our meetings pleasant, inspiring and helpful, and we owe it to them to reciprocate. On motion of Comrade Dobyms, the officers of the Post were elected as a committee to take this matter up for consideration and report at the next meeting.

E. G. Smith, of Mound City, a member of Custer Post, St. Joseph, was a visitor.

A letter from Miss Alice Spoerli to Mr. A. H. Greene, was read with interest. It gave an account of a visit with her and her sister, Mrs. Philomena Hoffmann, of Seattle, Washington, from J. H. Nies, formerly of this city, who now resides in Medford, Oregon. She spoke feelingly in her letter of the interest shown by Mr. and Mrs. Nies in the affairs of old Meyer Post and the various Comrades, and of their great desire to again visit the old town. The Post was also favored with kodak pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Nies, which were kindly sent to each member of the Post, by her through Mr. Greene. Most every member present knew this greatly beloved couple, and they sincerely appreciated the coming of this token. Mr. Nies, while a resident of Oregon, was one of the original charter members of Meyer Post.

The business of the Post being completed, we were invited to the dining room for refreshments and found the room and tables tastefully decorated with the national colors. After all are seated, thanks are returned by our comrade, Rev. T. D. Roberts, and now the battle opens. We notice on the advance skirmish line, T. C. Dungan, Gus Weigel and others. On the left flank are D. P. Dobyms, Robert

Montgomery. On the right are Zachman, Fuller and others; there is no wavering along the lines, every man is greatly concerned and the ammunition quickly disappears.

(Well, all this is in a lighter vein.) We have a splendid two-course luncheon. Mrs. Morris tells us that her mother, (now 86 years of age), prepared with her own hands, a large part of this elegant repast, referring especially to the HOLLIS and BAKED BEANS.

As a souvenir of the occasion, each guest was presented with a handsome National shield in colors, to be worn on the lapel of the coat.

Comrade Morris and his wife spared no pains to make this one of the occasions long to be remembered by members of Meyer Post. We can't speak too highly of our entertainment on this occasion. After the battle is over, peace is declared and a vote of thanks returned and the three-times-three salute given.

Commander Zachman called the Post to attention, the roll was called, and the following comrades answered present:

Daniel Zachman, E. W. Norris, Robt. Montgomery, D. P. Dobyms, T. C. Fuller, A. W. VanCamp, Samuel Hughes, Nathan Smith, T. D. Roberts, Henry Peret, Fred Markt, W. D. Lukens, R. F. Morgan, W. H. Hardman, F. S. Morgan, Wm. Morris, John Jones, F. S. Rostock, Clint Leverich, G. W. Cotten, Earl Cooper, Gus Weigel, T. C. Dungan, Wm. Turnham.

Mrs. Morris was very efficiently assisted in looking after the boys on the firing line by Miss Sadie Winebrenner, Mrs. Lula Marker, Miss Emma Marker and Miss Goldie McIntyre. As we retire from the dining room we all have the pleasure of clasping the hand of Mother Muxow. May her days be pleasant and peaceful.

F. S. MORGAN, Adjutant.

William M. Morris is one of the oldest of the native born Holt countyites. For nearly 72 years he has been a constant resident of Holt county. His father, Oakley Morris, came to Holt county in 1839, from Avenue City, near Savannah, where he had conducted a sawmill, and where he sawed the lumber that entered into the construction of the original store building put up by the Senior Zook.

The father entered the 100 acres in the Marion district, which is now owned and occupied by James C. Morris, and the sisters, Misses Margaret and Mattie Morris. Here on this farm all of the Morris children were born and raised, and each and every one attended this old historic school, one of the very first schools of the county.

Mr. Morris was born on the Oakley Morris farm in Holt county, January 7, 1844. His early life was spent on this farm, and his early school days were spent at the old Marion school, and then went to Fillmore and attended the High school there. Fillmore at that time had one of the very first high schools in this section of the state. This was during the years of 1867, 8, 9. W. A. Hanna was the teacher at the time. He then took higher mathematics at the old Plattsburg, Mo., college.

Completing his course at Plattsburg, he returned to his home, and entered the teacher's field, teaching a term at the Marion district, where he first went to school. His first experience as a teacher was at the old Hiatt and Cowan schools. In 1877 he held the birch over the youngsters of the New Liberty district; Pleasant Hill in 1879-80; Summit in 1879-80; Forbes in 1879-80.

Mr. Morris began his career as a surveyor by serving as such officer during 1872-3 to fill vacancy caused by the death of Jason Marshall, then the county surveyor. He was assistant surveyor under William McCoy during the years 1879-80. In 1880 he was elected county surveyor and held that position for 16 consecutive years, from January, 1881. During the years, 1903-04 he acted as deputy under Charles S. Armstrong. During the years 1904-12 he served as surveyor and county highway engineer.

Mr. Morris lived the life of a bachelor until August, 1885, when he was married to Miss Nellie Owens, in Mound City, and by this union one son was born, Oakley, who is a graduate of the Oregon High school, and the Omaha Business college, and is now the stenographer for A. M. Tibbels, the prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Morris has four brothers and two sisters, James C., Misses Margaret and Mattie, of the Marion district; Andy, of Mound City; Robert, of Zurich, Mont., and John, of La Pryor, Tex.

Mr. Morris served in the Union army as a member of Company G, 43d Missouri Infantry. His regiment saw much service in Jackson and Lafayette counties, guarding railroad property, and fighting the "bush-whackers." The regiment shipped aboard the "West Wind," from St. Joseph bound for Glasgow, Missouri, and on leaving the boat and going into camp at Glasgow, the boat was burned to the water's edge during the engagement between the Union and Confederates, on October 15, 1864.